

REMOTE DEVICE PROBING FOR FAILURE DETECTION

ABSTRACT

5 Data is transmitted through a plurality of adaptors connected to switches. At least one query is sent through the adaptors to the switches connected to the adaptor to determine a status of external ports in each queried switch communicating with a network. In response to determining from the at least one query that no external ports are operational in one non-operational switch, indication is made not to transmit data to the adaptor connected to the non-operational switch.